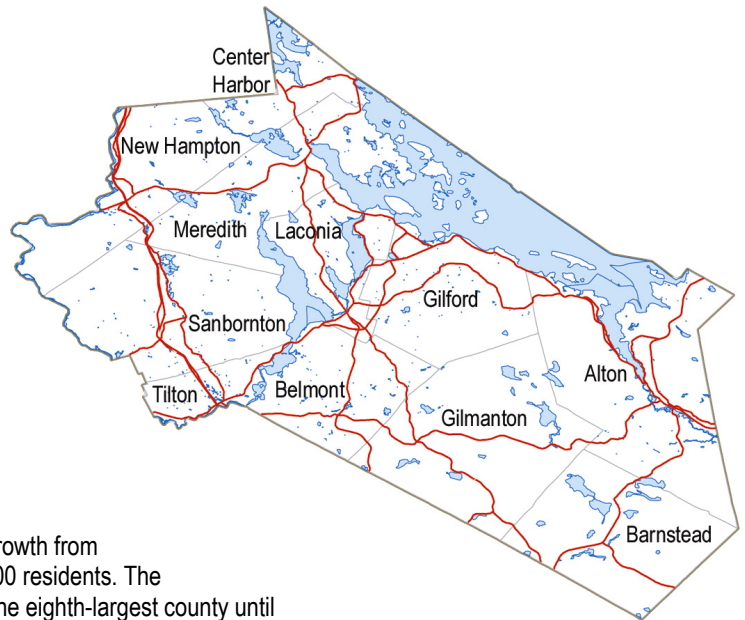


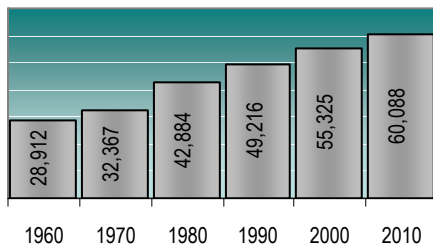
Belknap County

Located just southeast of the geographic center of the state in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Belknap County was established in 1840 from portions of Strafford County. The county was named for Dr. Jeremy Belknap, Dover Congregational Church minister and author of *The History of New Hampshire*, which chronicled the early history of the state. Belknap is one of two counties in the state without an interstate border; Merrimack is the other. A large part of Lake Winnepesaukee, all of Lake Winnisquam, and many smaller lakes cover nearly one-sixth of the county, the largest amount of inland water among New Hampshire's counties.

Belknap County contains 400.2 square miles of land area and 68.4 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 150.1 persons per square mile. Belknap County includes one city, Laconia, and ten towns. The county seat is Laconia.



Population Trends: Belknap County experienced its highest rate of growth from 1970 to 1980, when the population grew by 32.5 percent, adding 10,500 residents. The



County was ranked the eighth-largest county until 1970, when it ranked seventh and has held that rank ever since. A population increase in 1990 and 2000 was just over 6,000 residents. Between 2000 and 2010, the rate of growth slowed a little, increasing by 8.6 percent, adding 4,700 residents. Belknap County residents are generally older as well, having the third-highest median age in New Hampshire. The median age of women is higher than that of men, by about one year.

Population		(US Census Bureau)			
	2010	2000	1990	1980	1970
	60,088	55,325	49,216	42,884	32,367

Demographics			(US Census Bureau)	
By Gender:		Male	Female	
Total		29,480	30,608	
18 years and over		23,127	24,480	
65 years and over		4,667	5,390	
Median Age (years)		44.0	45.3	

By Age Group	Under age 5	3,047
	Age 5 to 19	10,726
	Age 20 to 34	8,904
	Age 35 to 54	10,057
	Age 55 to 64	9,542
	Age 65 and over	10,057
	Median Age (years)	44.7

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average	2000	2010	
Civilian Labor Force	31,230	31,970	
Employed	30,460	29,840	
Unemployed	770	2,130	
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	6.7%	

2010 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town

Alton	5.4%	Laconia	7.5%
Barnstead	6.7%	Meredith	6.1%
Belmont	7.0%	New Hampton	5.0%
Center Harbor	5.8%	Sanbornton	6.1%
Gilford	5.9%	Tilton	7.5%
Gilmanton	7.0%		

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Laconia	Semiconductor heat sinks	620
Gunstock Recreation Area	Gilford	Ski, recreation area	550
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Laconia	Spherical bearings	478
Vutek	Meredith	Color ink machinery	380
Winnisquam Regional School District	Sanbornton	Education	327
j.jill	Tilton	Outlet store	325+
Winnisquam Regional School District	Tilton	Education	290
Gilford School District	Gilford	Education	260
Interlakes School System	Meredith	Education	228
Meredith Village Savings Bank	Meredith	Banking services	210
Tanger Outlet Stores	Tilton	Retail outlet stores	200+
Hannaford Brothers	Gilford	Supermarket	200
Wal-Mart	Gilford	Retail store	200
Town of Gilford	Gilford	Municipal services	175
New Hampton School	New Hampton	Secondary education	154
Home Depot	Tilton	Home improvement center	150+
Town of Alton	Alton	Municipal services	140
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Laconia	Metal tubular assemblies	130
Golden View	Meredith	Nursing home	130
Lodge at Belmont	Belmont	Racing	130
Alton School Department	Alton	Education	116
Hampshire Hospitality Holdings	Meredith	Inn, spa, marketplace	115
Laconia Savings Bank	Gilford	Banking services	115
Shaws Supermarket	Gilford	Supermarket	113
Wal-Mart	Tilton	Retail store	110
Autoserv	Tilton	Car dealership	110
Wilcom Products, Inc.	Belmont	Telecommunication test equipment	108
Shaw's Supermarket	Tilton	Supermarket	100+
Shaw's Supermarket	Belmont	Supermarket	95
Lowe's	Tilton	Home improvement center	94

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	5,984	3,480
Average Weekly Wage	\$711	\$946
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	16,576	17,234
Average Weekly Wage	\$459	\$639
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	22,561	20,713
Average Weekly Wage	\$526	\$691
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	3,330	4,230
Average Weekly Wage	\$532	\$737
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	25,891	24,943
Average Weekly Wage	\$527	\$699

Income	(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$28,201
Median Family Income		\$63,560
Median Household Income		\$52,944
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$45,915
	Female	\$35,448
Families below poverty level		5.6%

Commuting to Work	(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	30,034
Car, truck or van: drove alone	25,065
Car, truck or van: carpooled	2,315
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	42
Walked	740
Other means	321
Worked at home	1,551
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.8
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	66.2%
Commuting to some other NH county	30.6%
Commuting out-of-state/country	3.2%

Transportation		
Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	25, 25B, 28, 28A, 104, 106, 107, 126, 127, 129, 132, 140
Nearest Interstates	I-93, Exit 15E (Concord); Exit 20 (Tilton); Exit 22 (Sanbornton); or Exit 23 (New Hampton)	
Nearest Airport(s) with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines	
Manchester-Boston Regional		8
Portland (Maine) International		7

Educational Attainment (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Population, Age 25 and Over	43,286
Less than 9th grade	1,625
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,015
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	13,099
Some college, no degree	9,708
Associate's degree	4,442
Bachelor's degree	7,864
Graduate or professional degree	3,533
Percent high school graduates or higher	89.3%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	26.3%

Educational and Child Care Facilities

School Districts:

- Alton (Grades K-8)
- Barnstead (Grades K-8)
- Prospect Mountain JMA—
Alton, Barnstead (Grades 9-12)
- Gilford (Grades K-12)
- Gilmanton (Grades K-8)
- Inter-Lakes Cooperative —
Center Harbor, Meredith (Grades K-12)
- Laconia (Grades K-12)
- Newfound Area —
New Hampton (Grades K-12)
- Shaker Regional — Belmont (Grades K-12)
- Winnisquam Regional —
Sanbornton, Tilton (Grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers:

J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia)
Winnisquam Regional High School (Tilton)
Region 9 Vocational Technical Center (Wolfeboro)
Plymouth Applied Technology Center
Concord Regional Technology Center

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region, Laconia;
NH Technical Institute, Concord

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

Plymouth State University; Colby-Sawyer College (New London); University of New Hampshire School of Law (Concord); University of New Hampshire (Durham);

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2011

(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 52 Total Capacity: 2,076

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.)	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	220
Franklin Regional, Franklin	25
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	82
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	25
Lakes Region General, Laconia	110
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	25

Housing (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Total Housing Units	37,182
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	26,964
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	3,488
Five or More Units in Structure	3,396
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	3,334

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*

YTD 2011 Median Sale Price, Residential \$179,500

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2011 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$958

Property Tax Rates, 2010 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)			
Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Alton	\$12.21	98.3	\$11.98
Barnstead	\$22.36	96.7	\$21.56
Belmont	\$20.97	111.8	\$23.12
Center Harbor	\$10.95	113.3	\$12.40
Gilford	\$17.62	90.4	\$15.88
Gilmanton	\$21.95	100.0	\$22.01
Laconia	\$19.81	97.1	\$18.93
Meredith	\$12.80	103.3	\$13.19
New Hampton	\$15.72	100.0	\$16.28
Sanbornton	\$18.99	100.0	\$18.84
Tilton	\$18.65	100.0	\$18.80

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Total

Residential Land and Buildings	87.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.2%

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Barnstead Board of Selectmen	PO Box 11 Center Barnstead NH	03225	P: 269-4071 F: 269-4072	barntownhall@metrocast.net www.barnstead.org	MWThF 8:30-4:30; Selectmen: T 8:30-8; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: T 11:30-7
Town of Belmont	143 Main Street PO Box 310 Belmont NH	03220	P: 267-8300 F: 267-8327	jbeaudin@belmontnh.org http://belmontnh.org	M-F 7:30-4
Center Harbor Board of Selectmen	PO Box 140 Center Harbor NH	03226	P: 253-4561 F: 253-8420	chselectmen@metrocast.net www.centerharbornh.org	MTThF 9-3, W 9-12 & 6:30-8:30
Town of Gilford	47 Cherry Valley Road Gilford NH	03249	P: 527-4700 F: 527-4711	selectmen@gilfordnh.org www.gilfordnh.org	M-F 8-5; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTWF 8-4:30, Th 8-6:30
Town of Gilmanton	PO Box 550 Gilmanton NH	03237	P: 267-6700 F: 267-6701	selectmen@gilmantonnh.org www.gilmantonnh.org	Selectmen: MWThF 9-4:30; Town Clerk: MTh 9-2 & 6-8, WF 9-4, closed Tues.
City of Laconia	45 Beacon Street East Laconia NH	03246	P: 527-1270 F: 527-1292	citymanager@city.laconia.nh.us www.cityoflaconianh.org	M-F 8:30-4:30
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New Hampton Board of Selectmen	6 Pinnacle Hill Road New Hampton NH	03256	P: 744-3559 F: 744-5106	blucas@new-hampton.nh.us www.new-hampton.nh.us	Selectmen: M-F 8:30-4; Twn Clerk/ T Collector: MTWF 7:30-11:45 and 12:30-4, Th 1-7
Town of Sanbornton	PO Box 124 Sanbornton NH	03269	P: 286-8303 F: 286-9544	townadministrator@sanborntonnh.org www.sanborntonnh.org	Selectmen: M-F 8-4; Town Clerk: M 8-6:30, TThF 8-4, closed Wed
Town of Tilton	257 Main Street Tilton NH	03276	P: 286-4521 x 101 F: 286-3519	townadmin@tiltonnh.org www.tiltonnh.org	M-F 8:30-4:15

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